(d) the concrete steps to eradicate it for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND • FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) As per information received from the Government of Tripura, outbreak of Measles was reported from Belona Sub Division under South Tripura District. The location-wise number of cases and deaths is given below:—

Place	Treated Measles cases	Death from Measles
1. Giddi Kumar Para	60	1
2. Kalapania	4	—
3.PhalnlmogPara	3	—
4. Sindhuk Para	2	—
5.PurbaSabroomG/S	6	—
TOTAL:	76	1

(c) The number of cases of Measles reported in the country and Tamil Nadu for the last three years is given below:—

Year	India	Tamil Nadu
1998	37905	*NR
1999	50102	115
2000	37969	162

•Not reported

(d) Under Universal Immunization Programme, vaccination for control of Measles is given throughout the country.

Ignorance of ENT-related diseases

3515. PFOF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ENT area has been ignored and neglected by people for long;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken by Government to spread awareness to tell the importance of ENT-related ailments;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) The sphere of ENT has not been ignored or neglected in the country. Government has taken necessary steps to create awareness among people about ENT related ailments like deafness and its prevention. One of the awareness programmes, which the Government of India has funded, is the programme on Prevention of Deafness and Hearing Impairment at the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore. As part of this project, the Institute has conducted public education through print and electronic media in various languages, undertook several screening programmes for various groups for identification of ENT related problems; conducted counseling and administered surgical and medical treatment of ENT problems. Indian Council of Medical Research has also been involved in conducting important research in the ENT area for proper identification and intervention for primary prevention of the problem.

Subsidised India AIDS drugs to **control AIDS**

3516. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WEI FARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether highly subsidized India AIDS drugs are being used by Nigeria to control AIDS; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the programme proposed to provide similar subsidized drugs in the country to help poor patients especially in rural areas through international aid as well as co-operation of manufacturing firms like Cipla and Ranbaxy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b)The Indian Pharmaceutical Companies like M/s Ranbaxy and M/s Cipla have negotiations with the Government of Nigeria for supply of three anti-retroviral drugs namely Lamivudine, Stavudine and Nevirapine to the Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria. Based on the information received from M/s Cipla India, consignments for supply of anti-retroviral drugs namely Lamivudine, Stavudine and Nevirapine have been despatched to Ministry of Health, Nigeria.

The Government at present provides financial support to States/UTs for the treatment of opportunistic infections in all public sector hospitals. But,